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PREFACE.

This volume comprises the record of eight stated meetings of the Society, from April, 1894, to February, 1895, both inclusive; but owing to the unusual length of the communications made at the meeting in February, the record of these meetings fills very nearly as many pages as were required by the sixteen meetings included in the last preceding volume. It is hoped that the interest and importance of the papers here printed will in some degree compensate for the limited range of subjects covered by them. Every reader will naturally turn first to the tributes to our eminent associates, Dr. Holmes, Mr. Winthrop, Dr. Ellis, and Judge Hoar. There are also memoirs of Edwin L. Bynner, by Barrett Wendell; of HENRY W. TORREY, by William W. Goodwin; of HENRY WHEATLAND, by William P. Upham; and of Edward J. Lowell, by A. Lawrence Lowell; each of which is accompanied by a portrait. Other communications which will attract notice are Lieutenant Fitch's Journal at the siege of Boston; Rev. Dr. Pierce's Notes on the Anniversary Celebrations of the Phi Beta Kappa Society; Mr. WINSOR's paper on the

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Earliest Sources of New England History; the large collection of hitherto unpublished letters from Rev. Dr. Isaac Watts to correspondents in New England; and Dr. Green's elaborate bibliography of the Early American Imprints in the Library of the Society. The likeness of Mr. Winthrop which stands as a frontispiece has been engraved for this purpose from the portrait painted in 1885, on his retirement from the Presidency after a service of thirty years, and presented to the Society by individual members, in October of that year.

For the Committee,

CHARLES C. SMITH.

Boston, May 25, 1895.